

How Cabinet Members Are Taking Their Vacations

By William Atherton Du Puy

With the vacation season just coming on to the fullness of its fruition it is interesting to know what manner of thing is being done by those men who sit around the counsel table and advise the chief executive of the nation. The cabinet officers are mostly away for their summer outings. They are lounging in old home haunts, losing themselves in the wilds of mighty mountains, ploughing the briny deep in world cruises, hunting the six months day beyond the Arctic circle. Each is following his special bent or the special call of the task to which he has set his mind. Strong men with a capacity for doing things, all are having vacations that are worth while and which might be set down as worthy of emulation.

Wilson in the Forest.

There is the venerable secretary of agriculture, for instance, who is away to the mighty domain of the national forests over which he holds sway as the high mogul. For several years he has made his pilgrimage during July and August to the mighty west for the study of matters pertaining to forestry. When asked where his summer home is located he is prone to point to a map on his office wall. It is of the United States and upon it the national forests are put down in green. All that region west of the great plains is mottled over with this verdant color. This is the summer home of Secretary Wilson. He travels about through Montana and Colorado and Washington and Oregon. He goes south through California and Arizona and New Mexico. He talks with the people of those states and with the local representatives of the forest service. He gets in touch with the questions of administration that exist in different sections that the action from Washington may be more wisely taken. He goes into the wilds of the forests themselves and smells the odor of pine needles and dampness of the woods. He even penetrates to the lonely cabin of the forest ranger where this keeper of Uncle Sam's preserve watches over his small principality. He becomes familiar with the needs of the service from an intimate inspection of it. Then later he will return to the old farm in Iowa where he raised corn and cows before he began showing all the farmers of the nation how to do it. Here he spends a few weeks in recreation and in absorbing the farm atmosphere of the productive middle west and returns in the early fall to his desk.

Dickinson Sails for Orient.

Mr. Wilson's little loop of a nation will, however, sink into the role of a mere market cornered with the trip that is taken by Mr. Dickinson, the secretary of war. This latter official sailed from San Francisco on June 28, westward for the far east, contradictory as that statement may seem. On July 4, he was in Honolulu and joined the American residents and the kindly native-born of that island of dreams in celebrating the natal anniversary. There he inspected Pearl harbor, which his engineers are converting into a Gibraltar of the Pacific, took stock of what is being done and what may be done. From here this big man went to Japan, where he has passed the last few days and just at present, if his schedule is holding true, he is on the way to the Philippines. He will remain on the islands for five weeks. His inspection of the manner in which the civilization of the United States is being grafted onto the 8,000,000 Malay children of the past, is the most important phase of his trip. Interest will take note of the amount of success that is being attained in the greatest experiment in national philanthropy that the world has ever undertaken—in the first attempt on the part of a great nation to govern a less civilized colony for the good of the colony rather than for the profit of the growing country.

While in Manila Mr. Dickinson will be entertained at Malacanang palace, one of the most interesting places in the islands. He will talk with all his subordinates and travel to all the provinces

on a personal inspection. The party will leave Manila early in September, continue on its way to Hongkong, Peking and thence by the Trans-Siberian railway to Moscow and Warsaw. The trip will be finished by way of Europe and the party will not arrive at home until the middle of October. This is by far the most ambitious trip that will be undertaken by any cabinet officer this summer. It is a reminder of the days when the present president was the Mercury of the former administration and went circling the world on various missions.

In contrast with the great trip of

resented. Mr. Nagel, to continue, will push back the arctic circle along the coast of Alaska. There are a number of interests in Alaska that will call for a personal inspection by the secretary of commerce and labor. One of these is the fishing interests. The herds of silver salmon in the Alaskan streams are increasing in importance every year. The bureau of fisheries is under this secretary and the fishery question in Alaska is to be studied minutely.

But a more fascinating problem that is to occupy the attention of the secretary is that of the seal herds on Pribilof islands. These islands are in Bering

at Marion, Mass. Here his family will go for the summer and here the secretary may come for a week or two. It is an old-fashioned country place with a bay for swimming and boating in the front yard and a wood for rambling behind. Mr. Nagel boats and rides and plays tennis. His hobby is trees and he is giving much attention to the development of his woods.

MacVeagh in New England.

Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury is another of the cabinet members who has taken himself to New England that the vacation balance between the east and the west may be kept at the normal

than Mr. MacVeagh. A vacation to him means rest and there is nothing of strenuousness about it.

Secretary Ballenger of the department of the interior is also spending his vacation in the west looking into a multiplicity of details in connection with the administration of the public lands and the reclamation service. Congress has just given him an additional \$20,000,000 to spend in completing the projects already under way in the task of making the desert bloom as the rose. He is to determine where to apply this money. Also he is to take a look at some of the monstrous projects that

rights so that a man who files a homestead does not prevent the location of a mineral claim on the same land. In fact there have been big things doing in legislation with relation to the public domain that have escaped general notice in the mass of legislation that has been ground through congress. All this will require vast activity on the part of the head of the interior department. Therefore the secretary is scheduled for much travel. His home is in Seattle and there he may rest for a few days when his duties bring him into that section but the vacation is being mostly spent in travel.

Secretary Knox here breeds the best of horses. Hunters are the popular steeds and the neighborhood is studded with hunting clubs that go riding over hedges and streams in the best accented English style. Likewise through the summer and fall these hunts hold meets and all these steeds are matched against each other in all manner of events and ridden by gentlemen jockeys. Secretary Knox's horses win many honors in these events. His chief pride, however, is in his trotters which are currently less popular than the hunters. Of these he is the owner of a number with excellent records including the fastest double team in America. Secretary Knox is not so far from the national capital as to be entirely out of touch with affairs and should international complications arise he will handle them over the telephone or go scurrying back to Washington. This summer he is planning as quiet a time with his horses as circumstances will permit.

Wickersham Has a Grouch.

Mr. Wickersham of the department of justice is somewhat fretful against his enforced giving over his customary trips to Europe. For many years prior to his acceptance of his cabinet position he had each year gone abroad. Last summer he remained on this side of the big pond and is fearful lest the programme will repeat itself. He will, however, vigilantly watch an opportunity to get away. In the meantime he will go to his home near Cedarhurst, Long Island. His place is known as Marshfield, and deserves the name. It is an old, rambling, wooden structure with a world of room and quiet and no mosquitoes. Here the nation's chief advocate retires to absolute quiet and devotes himself to his favorite light diversion, that of poring through his books of law. None of the call of the outside for the attorney general when Blackstone and his satellites invite and the drone of the mosquito composes the mind for the receipt of precedent and deduction.

Gum Shoe Hitchcock.

The last of the cabinet officers to leave Washington will be Postmaster General Hitchcock. This young man of the gum shoe and clam-like silence, this advocate of the steam roller and the rewarder of the faithful, will stick diligently at his desk until late in August. The matter of physical exhaustion never occurs to him for he was a famous athlete when in college and sees to it that every muscle of his wiry frame is each day given the tug that will keep it alive and healthy. Therefore he is able to work longer hours and more days than are those who fail to recognize the need of keeping physically fit.

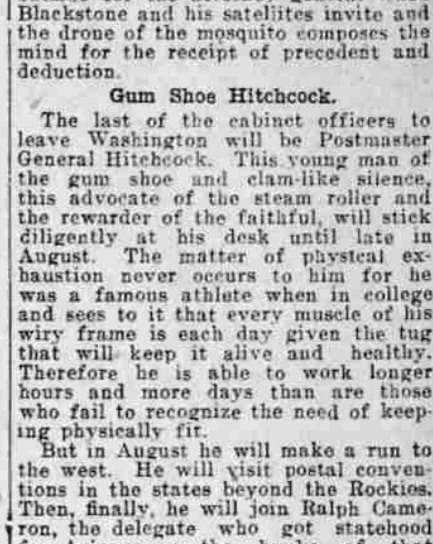
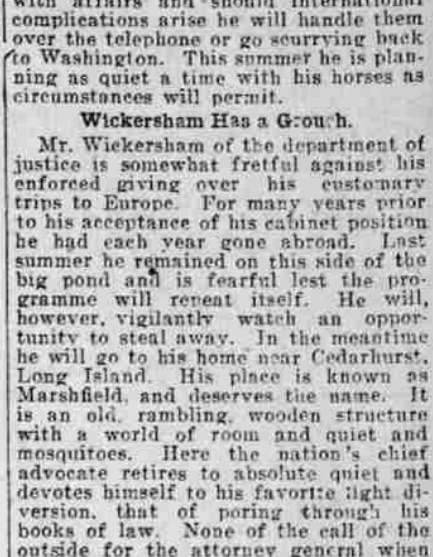
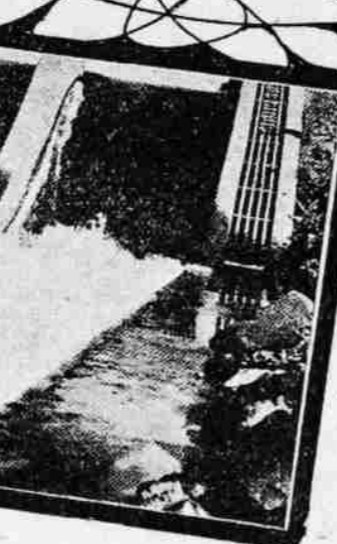
But in August he will make a run to the west. He will visit postal conventions in the states beyond the Rockies. Then, finally, he will join Ralph Cameron, the delegate who got steepled for Arizona, on the banks of that great gorge that cuts almost to the core of the world and the two will ramble about the big mountains and little towns.

This Arizona habit has become chronic with Mr. Hitchcock. He began it several years ago and has done it ever since. It was these trips that developed an interest in the admission of the territory as a state and they do say about the capital that it was the work of the astute postmaster general which gained steepled for the two territories just at the close of congress. The wise ones also whisper that the postmaster general is nursing the idea of going to Arizona to live and there so shaping his career that he will settle snugly into one of the senatorships of the new state. But this may be but gossip. At any rate, the athlete of the cabinet may be seen doing stunts in the Grand canyon in the early autumn.

MR. WILSON WILL BUNK WITH THE ANGERS IN THE NATIONAL FOREST



MR. BALLINGER WILL LOOK OVER THE RECLAMATION PROJECTS



the secretary of war will be the vacation of the secretary of the navy who will stick comparatively close to his knitting. Mr. Meyer will get no further from Washington than his country home at Hamilton, Mass. From there he will flit back and forth to Washington and to Beverly. Mr. Meyer is a man fond of society and Newport and Atlantic City know him well. Hamilton is but twenty miles out of Boston and even here he is by no means lost to the world of the effects of which he makes up a part. To be sure he takes a part in the outdoor life of a summer place and rides and drives and goes boating. But all these are done in the best accented manner and with none of the crude, back-to-nature extremes, for Mr. Meyer is the properest of the members of the cabinet and a product of the most effective civilization of the nation. His vacations are spent in accordance with these facts.

Nagel Goes to Alaska.

The secretary of commerce and labor, Mr. Nagel, is to have one of the most interesting vacations of them all. In passing let me insist that the "a" in the secretary's name is broad and Italian and that a flattening of it will be

sea where Alaska approaches most nearly to Siberia. They supply more than half of the seal skin coats that the fashionable of the world wear and they are threatened with extermination. The herd was bought from Russia with Alaska and has, single handed, poured enough money into the United States treasury to pay for the whole territory. But today about the barren rocks which these seals have selected as the only place upon which they can be induced to rear their young, there is a cordon of Japanese fishing vessels just outside of the three-mile limit. Whenever a mother seal, leaving her young one on the rocks, goes to sea to feed, these fishermen shoot her and the young one ashore starves to death. The herd is in this way being wiped out of existence. The Japanese, under international law, have a perfect right to kill our seals on the high seas. So is precipitated one of the most difficult questions that this government has to handle in the far north.

Secretary Nagel owns a country home

Mr. MacVeagh has one of the most attractive summer homes in New Hampshire. It is located near Dublin, the highest point in the state and the sky light of New England. The country place is known as Knollwood for there are four gentle swells in its grounds that act as vantage points from which all the country roundabout may be viewed. There is a 400-acre forest on the place and through this the secretary is developing a series of most attractive drives and bridle paths. All the panorama below is dotted with the sort of lakes that only this section can boast and these are attem with the gamest of fish. The secretary does not fish.

Mr. MacVeagh likes to ride through his woods on his horse, Texas, so named from the place of his nativity. On these rides the great white collie follows at the heels of the mustang. This dog is named "Almost," for he is not quite white after all, there being a black spot on his head. But he is almost. Of all the cabinet officers it is doubtful if there is a more successful recuperator

have been brought to completion within the last year. There is the Shoshone dam in Wyoming, which is the highest in the world. The Roosevelt reservoir in Arizona is just being finished up and is to be formally declared complete, probably at the time of the secretary's visit. Here again is a world record broken for never before was so much water artificially stored. Then there are in all the states between and further to the west a score of other projects approaching these in magnitude and rivaling them as engineering accomplishments.

In connection with the work of the land office there is additional work for the secretary. Congress has passed some important legislation which will affect largely the administration of this branch of the government service. It has legalized the withdrawal of lands on the part of the president and it is the province of the interior department to recommend these withdrawals. It has segregated the surface or homestead rights of the land from the mineral

Secretary Knox of the state department has retired to the quiet of his magnificent country place at historic Valley Forge, twenty miles out of Philadelphia. He is on the Main Line, as they say in Philadelphia, which means that he is in the midst of the most highly developed stretch of country homes in America. This stretch of Philadelphia suburbs is one of its best founded claims of distinction and redeems it from an otherwise unattractive commonplaceness. For there is nothing else in America like these country places and there is a doubt if anything in England equals them. They are, however, built upon the English plan. Vast sums of the wealth of Pennsylvania have gone into the improvement of these places.

Seat of Official Society Moved for Summer

BY CONSTANCE CARRUTHERS.

By Leased Wire to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The American flag which flies over the portico of the White House, proclaiming the presence of the President of the United States, will not float again until fall. But the city, during the past quarter of a century has become accustomed to the absence of the chief executive of the nation for the summer months. President Cleveland was the first to leave the national capital for the hot season. But, prior to his tenure the chief magistrate was not apt to wander farther from the seat of government than Woodley Lane or Soldiers Home, except for an occasional visit. Similar conditions prevailed as to the legations and embassies. In former days Washington was truly the seat of government all the year round, hence the seat of official society during the entire year. Now the diplomats are scattered at the sea shore and mountain resorts and Washington society becomes Beverly society and Soldiers Home society and Manchester society and so on. President Arthur was the last executive who occupied summer quarters at Soldiers Home. His successor, President Cleveland, though he had a suburban home which he occupied during seasons, paved the way for an annual migration to cooler climes when he purchased a country seat at Buzzard's Bay. There were many reasons why the presidents of former days did not journey far from the seat of government. Traveling facilities were not so perfect and luxurious as they are today; they refused to incur the added public expense and, chief of all, it was not the custom to do so. It would not be surprising if, within a few years, the United States is asked to buy a palatial country estate as some summer resort to be used by the president during the summer. This would give us two White Houses.

Where Society Has Gone. Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond have gone to their summer home at Gloucester, Mass. Col. Spencer Cosby, superintendent of public grounds and buildings in the district, has gone to Lenox with Mrs. Cosby. Col. Cosby will represent the United States at the international road congress in Brussels. Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson and Mrs. Wilson have sailed for Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis are at Bar Harbor. They had planned to spend the summer abroad but political conditions prevented Mr. Ellis from being able to go. Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, and the Baroness have gone to Manchester, Mass., for the summer instead of Bar Harbor as they originally intended. Baron Hengelmueller, the Austrian ambassador, accompanied by Baroness Hengelmueller, has gone to Bar Harbor

for the summer. They will spend the autumn in Lenox.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Mrs. MacVeagh are spending the summer at Dublin, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Chapin will sail on Tuesday from San Francisco for the Orient. They will not return to Washington until the autumn.

Embassador Bryce, of Great Britain, and Mrs. Bryce are making an automobile tour of New England.

Major and Mrs. David D. Porter will sail from San Francisco for the Philippines on August 5th. Major Porter has been ordered there for duty.

When Gen. and Mrs. Theodore Bingham return in the fall from Nova Scotia they will take up their residence in their new residence here.

Robert Taft, son of the president, will spend several weeks at Murray Bay, Canada. Murray Bay was the seat of the summer home of President Taft before he was elected to the presidency and the family has many friends thereabouts. Miss Helen Taft has secured a license under the Massachusetts law to operate an automobile. The Taft family is well supplied with equipment for this form of luxurious locomotion. They have ten automobiles and four chauffeurs. Both President and Mrs. Taft delight in long automobile rides and both Miss Helen and Robert are drivers.

Aleishire Girls in Wyoming. Miss Marjorie Aleishire and Miss Dorothy Aleishire are spending the summer upon a ranch in Wyoming. General and Mrs. Aleishire will remain in this city for the greater part of the summer as General Aleishire's army duties forbid his leaving. The Wyoming ranch upon which the young ladies are spending the hot months is owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dana, the parents of Mrs. Aleishire. Both girls are good riders and enjoy life in the open.

Arthur H. Middleton announces the engagement of his sister, Miss Emeline V. Middleton, and Mr. E. Mora Davidson, of New York City. Miss Middle-

ton is the daughter of the late Rear Admiral Edward Middleton, U. S. N., of South Carolina; her grandfather, Henry Middleton, having been governor of South Carolina, minister to Russia for ten years, and her great-grandfather, Arthur Middleton, was the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Miss Middleton is well known in Washington and in Philadelphia, with which city she is closely connected, her cousins being the Fisher, Kane, Cox and Cadwalader families. Mr. Davidson is a son of the late Edward F. Davidson, a prominent resident of New York and formerly consul general from the Argentine Republic to the United States.

Brief Mention. The Japanese ambassador and Baroness Uchida are established in their summer home at Buena Vista, Pennsylvania, which has been a favorite summer residence for the past three embassadors from the Flowery Kingdom. The Counselor of the Embassy and Mme. Matsue and their little family went last week on the same day as the ambassador and Baroness Uchida to the mountains, where they will spend the summer.

John Barrett, director of the Bureau of American Republics, is in Europe this week. He will return in September.

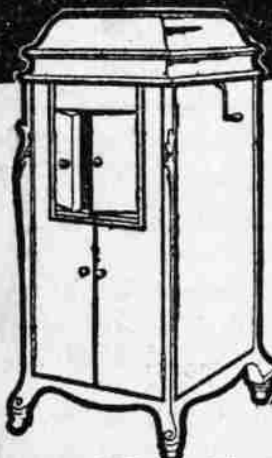
Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of Representative G. M. Hitchcock of Nebraska, accompanied by Misses Hitchcock, are spending the summer abroad. Political exigencies kept Representative Hitchcock at home.

Although not yet in robust health, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh is in better health now than she was several weeks ago. It was owing to the illness of Mrs. Walsh that Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beale McLean and Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean changed their plans for the summer. They had intended sailing for Europe but the illness of Mrs. Walsh compelled them to take a cottage at Bar Harbor.

Mrs. Harry Smith Berry, of Hendersonville, Tenn., will arrive in this city next week to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Knox. She will then accompany them and her cousin, Miss Nina Van Arsdale, to Atlantic City, where they will spend several weeks. Major Berry is attached to the Tennessee militia, which is in camp at Chickamauga.

Mrs. George M. Dunn, daughter of Congressman John Dalzell, has gone to Lake George, N. Y., for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Dietrich, wife of former Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, has taken a cottage in Virginia for the remainder of the season. The former senator is ill in a hospital, and she is staying here to be near him. Mrs. Dietrich is a schoolmate of her husband's daughter, who is the wife of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith.



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